

Yaphank, L. I.,  
July 10, 1887.

My Dear Friend,

Yes, I do indeed regard Prof. Johnston's letter as in itself a compensation for my labor in writing the review of Thayer. It is worth much to our cause to have opened the eyes of such a man to truths which so many would fain obliterate from the pages of history.

Eli Thayer is manifestly ~~and~~ <sup>from</sup> a fool of Solomon's type, whom though "brayed with a pestle in a mortar, yet will not his foolishness depart from him."



Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have done well to bounce him; but he will get a publisher, and we may expect a fresh tide of abuse from his pen. It is of little consequence what he may say or do.

I send for your personal three letters: one from Hon. E. P. Walton, former member of Congress, and son of the man with whom I served my apprenticeship. He is but little younger than myself, as you might infer from his trembling hand. He was never a Garrisonian, but a Whig until driven into Republicanism. He remembers



He evidently appreciates him at his true value.

Another is from James Hutchinson of West Randolph, Vt., at once a Garrisonian and a Republican. I think it probable you have been his guest.

Another is from Jacob Heaton of Salem, O., the confidential friend of Salmon P. Chase, <sup>and</sup> who used to listen to Abby Kelly's ~~and~~ Foster's severe criticisms of his party, and then make a substantial contribution to help her in her work of agitation. He is now 80 years old, and his spelling is a little faulty, but is one of the noblest of men.



These letters you may  
return at your convenience

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson